Nursing Colleges in Rajasthan

345. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nusing Colleges functioning, at present, in the State of Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up any new Nursing College specially for those living in far-flung areas of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There is only one College of Nursing functioning in Rajasthan at Jaipur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Opening of Colleges of Nursing comes within the purview of the State Government.

Malnutrition and related diseases

346.SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malnutrition problem and related diseases are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to eradicate such problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The malnutrition levels in the country are not increasing but have been gradually reducing as per the facts given below:

(i) Protein energy malnutrition in the children has been reduced from 68.6% in 1988—90 to 47% in 1998-99.

(ii) Vitamin-A deficiency as indicated by Bitot spot has reduced from 1.8% in children during the year 1975-79 to 1.1% in the year 1994-95.

(iii) Prevalence to goitre has reduced from 21.0% in 1989 to 10% in 1994.

(iv) Iron deficiency anaemia in pregnant women has reduced from 87.5% in 1989 to 84.9% in 1999.

(v) Chronic energy deficiency in adults has reduced from 5.1.8% in females and 55.6% in males in 1975—79 to 36.3% in females and 28.6% in males in the year 1995-96.

(c) The Government of India adopted the National Nutrition Policy in 1993 which advocated a multisectoral approach for controlling the problem of malnutrition and improving nutritional status of the people. The National Nutritional Policy contains both short term/direct interventions and long term/indirect interventions. A National Plan of Action on Nutrition was developed to serve as a frame-work for translating the instruments of National Nutrition Policy which identified the role of 14 Departments/Ministries of the Government towards nutrition promotion.

Various measures adopted by the Government to improve the nutritional status of the population are:—

(i) Increased agricultural production;

(ii) Improving the purchasing power of the people through income generating schemes;

(iii) Availability of essential food items at subsided cost through public distribution system;

(iv) Nutrition education to increase the awareness and bringing about the desired changes in the feeding practices including promotion of breast feeding;

(v) Supplementary feeding programmes *viz* (a) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) schemes; (b) Special Nutrition Programme (SNP); (c) Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP); (d) Wheat Based Supplementary Nutrition Programme; (e) Mid-Day Meal Programme; (0 Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY); (g) Programmes for prevention of specific nutrient deficiency disorders

such as National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme; Prophylaxis Programme as to prevent blindness due to Vitamin-A deficiency and Nutritional Anaemia due to Iron Deficiency as a part of Reproductive and Child Health Programme; Pilot Project for control of micro-nutrient malnutrition is also under implementation.

Maintenance of Essential Equipments in RML Hospital

347. SHRIABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious lapses in the maintenance of essential equipments in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital came to light in the wake of attack on Parliament on December 13, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether CT Scanner and other important machines were out of order when the victims of the terrorists attack were taken there for treatment; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Six cases of CT Scan of head were done on 13.12.2001. All the necessary equipments needed for investigation/treatment were available and functional.

(d) Does not arise.

Dental Colleges

348. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Dental Colleges in the country as on the 1 st July, 2001, State-wise;

(b) the number of colleges which have not been recognised by Dental Council of India, State-wise;

(c) the names and number of Dental Colleges whose applications for